

Undocumented Student Action Week

Education and Career UndocuDreams Made Possible



Supporting Undocumented Students in Uncertain Times: Addressing Challenges and Fostering Allyship

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9:00 am

Hosted by the Student Senate
for California Community Colleges



HOUSEKEEPING SLIDE

- The presentations will be available after the event on the Vision Resource Center and the Undocumented Student Action Week website.
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- Q&A will be available, and presenters will answer questions as time permits.
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WHO IS THE SSCCC?

- Legislative Advocacy
 - Sponsor/Co-Sponsor Bills that support student basic needs.
- Regional Support
 - Provide resources, training, and support to SBAs and Regions
- SSCCC Chapter 4: Undocumented Students
- Participatory Governance Committee Involvement
- Upcoming Events: Advocacy Academy and General Assembly

BARRIERS UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS FACE

- Lack of Financial Aid opportunities
- Limitation on Campus Resources:
 - EOPS, TRIO, MESA, Etc
- No Student Job Access For Undocumented Students
- Minimum Knowledge of 9+1 Student Rights
- Limited Mental Health Resources
- Dreamer Centers Across California
- Limited Legal Resources
- Access to Career Technical Education classes that require clinical or licensing



To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2586 without my signature.

This bill prohibits California public universities from disqualifying a student from employment due to their failure to provide proof of federal employment authorization.

California has a proud history of being at the forefront of expanding opportunities for undocumented students who seek to realize their higher education dreams. Including immigrant students in opportunities to succeed through higher education is also important for local communities and California's economy. Since 2001, when the California DREAM Act (AB 540) was signed into law, the state has continually broadened access to financial aid opportunities and other supports for students who call California home, regardless of their immigration status.

While I am proud of these efforts, I am unfortunately unable to sign this legislation at this time. Given the gravity of the potential consequences of this bill, which include potential criminal and civil liability for state employees, it is critical that the courts address the legality of such a policy and the novel legal theory behind this legislation before proceeding. Seeking declaratory relief in court – an option available to the University of California – would provide such clarity.

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ADVOCACY CHALLENGES

- Conflicts between state and federal laws
- California's support of undocumented folks is inconsistent
- FASFA mixed-status family frustrations
- Undocumented folks are often tokenized or used as political scapegoats
- Ability to travel to Sacramento or Washington D.C. for advocacy will be hindered with the eventual enforcement of Real I.D.

GET INVOLVED

- Mailing List (QR Code)
- Sign up for SSCCC Undocumented Student Caucus
- Shared Governance Committees
- For more information regarding how to join different events within the SSCCC, please feel to reach out to President, Ivan Hernandez at president@ssccc.org or Dr. Julie Adams at jadams@ssccc.org



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